

A word from Mrs Milner



Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parents,

What a lovely week it has been. The weather certainly helps – cold, crisp and sometimes sunny. I have witnessed such beautiful sunrises, whilst driving to work every morning. Things are looking up and spring is just around the corner!

This week your children had an opportunity to participate in E-Safety workshops, delivered by Mrs Alison Watts from Buckinghamshire County Council. I sincerely hope that you agree with me that it is our duty (both school and parents) to ensure that our children continue to stay safe online. Technology and social media is here to stay. I remember being warned by my parents about ‘stranger danger’ and we now must ensure that the same message is given to our children but relating to a huge and ever –evolving environment. Children enjoy spending time on the internet and interacting with their peers online but this, unfortunately, can present additional problems such as cyberbullying and interactions with strangers. Please find below some useful information for parents given to the school by Alison and I hope that you will find it useful.

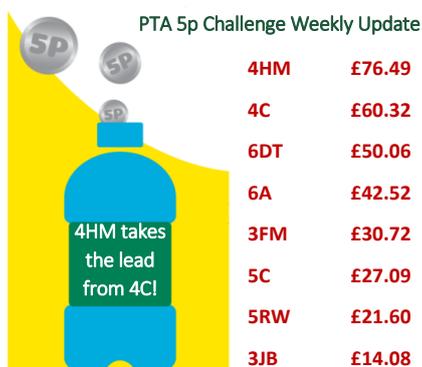
I would like to welcome Mrs Iniaighe, who joined our team of midday supervisors this term. She will be a great asset to the team.

Unfortunately I now have to have a ‘little moan.’ It seems that recently more and more children come to school late. Sometimes it is just 5 minutes, but late nevertheless. Good punctuality at school is essential not only for the children’s academic achievement but also importantly, it is vital for them to form good habits for later life. When children are late, they miss out on their morning routines as well as social interactions with their friends. For me personally, being punctual is great preparation for children’s future adult life and careers, where showing up on time shows respect and dependability. So my plea to the parents – please help us and your child by being punctual for school which means **they should be ready to line up with their friends by 8.50am. Gates open at 8.35am.** As always, if you need our support, please do not hesitate to chat to us. I still continue to have my ‘Open Fridays’ mornings so please come and we can work together to ensure that the children have the best possible start to their lives.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend, and good luck to our cross country runners, who are taking part in this Saturday’s cross-country competition. Thank you as well to the staff who are going to accompany the children.

Kind regards

Dorota Milner



Art Fun

Please encourage your child to enter and have their work displayed at Wycombe Museum

The Chilterns Landscape School Art Competition

Click [here](#) for more details



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Sat 22th Jan	Cross Country Lowndes Park
Tues 25th Jan	Rocksteady Concert 10-11am
Wed 26th Jan	Year 4 Bench Ball @The Amersham School
Thurs 27th Jan	Cross Country @The Misbourne School (selected children from each year group)
Fri 28th Jan	Yr3 Egyptian Day
Mon 7th Feb	Foodbank Collection
Tues 15th Feb	Next PTA Zoom meeting (evening)
Fri 18th Feb	Break The Rules PTA Day
Wed 2nd March	Yr6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Sat 5th March	Cross Country – venue tbc
Wed 9th March	Bags 2 School
Mon 21st- Fri 25th Mar	Yr6 residential trip to Osmington Bay PGL

Dates for your diary

Close Friday 18th February	3.15pm
Open Monday 28th February	Gates open: 8.35am
Close Friday 8th April	1.30pm

Useful Resources (for parents)

Safeguarding

Please read attached Internet safety- Parental Advice, click [here](#) for details. Can I also draw your attention to the game that you can play with your child and which is designed to teach them about Internet safety.

The Game - Bao - It's a Jungle Out There! The Jungle, like the internet, is a happy and colourful place, where you can meet up with friends, take photos and share what you discover and finally find out new things. However, the jungle can be a dangerous place full of strange and mysterious things and unpredictable events. You may face things that you do not like or make you feel uncomfortable. How will you react to these events? Let's see as you embark on your journey through the jungle...

Meet Bao Bao is a young panda, whose name means “To Protect”. Bao lives in the jungle with his family and friends. Bao dreams of being a successful explorer and has decided to become the first Panda to climb the un-chartered mountain. Bao wants to post online about all the travels, and discoveries, made along the way, but is unsure how to do this. Bao needs help to navigate the jungle and the internet safely. Access the game here - <https://play.adeptly.ai/internet-safety-en>. Download guidance here - [English version](#)

There are lots of resources for parents on www.Thinkuknow.co.uk including: [A parent's guide to privacy settings](#), [Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#), [What is the Internet of Things \(IoT\)?](#)

Well-being

Anna Freud – National Centre for Children and Families <https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/> This particular organisation offers guidance for parents as well as professionals to help support the children and young people, who may be struggling with mental health.



A new Community Board networking event is taking place on Saturday 12th February from 3pm at the Amersham Community Centre

Click [here](#) to find out more